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SUBJECT: EC SAFEGUARD MEASURES FOR CANNED MUSHROOMS

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1. MISSION OFFICERS MET ON AUGUST 19 WITH HUSTINX OF LARDINOIS' CABINET AND, BASED ON THE INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL, EXPRESSED TO HIM
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U.S. CONCERNS OVER THE COMMISSION DECISION TO APPLY SAFEGUARD

MEASURES TO CANNED MUSHROOM IMPORTS. WE URGED THAT THESE MEASURES BE ABOLISHED PROMPTLY.

2. HUSTINX WAS NOT SURPRISED BY OUR REPRESENTATION AND SAID WE WERE NOT THE FIRST COUNTRY TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER THESE SAFEGUARD MEASURES.

HE SAID SOME MEMBER STATES, IN PARTICULAR GERMANY, HAVE EVEN VOICED DISPLEASURE WITH THE MEASURES. HOWEVER, HE GAVE NO INDICATION THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD REVOKE ITS DECISION. INSTEAD, HE SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE COMMISSION DOES NOT INTEND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF ANY IMPORT LICENSE FOR CANNED MUSHROOMS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT ONLY CANNED MUSHROOMS FROM THOSE COUNTRIES WILLING TO GUARANTEE OBSERVANCE OF MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE COMMUNITY. WE COMMENTED THAT SUCH A DECISION WOULD BE MOST REGRETTABLE.

3. HUSTINX SAID HE WOULD INFORM MICHAEL FRANKLIN AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN THE AGRICULTURAL DIRECTORATE OF OUR REPRESENTATION AND THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED.

4. A MISSION OFFICER ALSO MET ON AUGUST 20 WITH AARTS OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, U.S. DESK, AND EXPRESSED THE SAME CONCERNS REGARDING THE EC'S ACTION ON CANNED MUSHROOM IMPORTS. AARTS TOOK NOTE OF OUR POINTS, AND SAID HE WOULD CIRCULATE A MEMORANDUM REGARDING THIS DEMARCHE. HE ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERN AND SUGGESTED, PRESUMABLY ON A PERSONAL BASIS, THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE U.S. TO COORDINATE THEIR POSITIONS REGARDING IMPORTS FROM EAST ASIA, RATHER THAN RESPOND INDIVIDUALLY IN WAYS WHICH SHIFTED THE BURDEN TO THE OTHER MAJOR IMPORTERS. GREENWALD

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